

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the Abstract paragraph beginning on page 24, line 8 and replace with the following:

A data processing system and method ~~are disclosed~~ for scheduling a sequential execution of multiple commands. The data processing system includes an environment which executes the commands concurrently. ~~Without scheduling, each of the commands is executed in the environment without regard to a completion of execution of any other ones of the commands.~~ Execution of the plurality of commands is scheduled in the environment so that the commands execute sequentially in programming order. When the commands are scheduled, a first one of the commands in the order begins and completes executing prior to a second one of the commands in the order beginning executing. When scheduled, the commands execute in the environment sequentially in programming order. In order to execute the commands sequentially, a process is spawned within which to execute the command. The execution status of the process is checked periodically by checking a process table. When the process has completed executing, ~~i.e. when the command has completed executing,~~ a new process is spawned within which to execute the next command in the sequential order.